

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the captioned application. Without prejudice, claims 1, 8, 9 and 16 are amended and claims 7 and 15 are canceled.

1. The Office Action objected to the drawings. Formal replacement drawings are attached. Reference numeral 10 originally appeared and continues to appear in Figure 1. Applicants request that the attached formal drawings be substituted for the originally submitted informal drawings.

2. The Office Action rejected claims 1-8 for lack of enablement, because claim 1 (from which claims 2-8 depended) recites at least one of the upper and lower mount portions, mounted to the spine, having a biasing element securing portion. The Office Action pointed out that the specification teaches that the arms include biasing element securing portions 42 (para. 0030). The specification does disclose the arm including a biasing element securing portion 42, and that is also included in claim 1. However, the specification also discloses a mount having a biasing element securing portion 46 (para. 0031). In the example presented in the specification, the ends of a spring are attached respectively to securing portions 42 and 46. It is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn, because the specification does enable the mount having a biasing element securing portion in addition to the biasing element securing portion of the arm.

3. The Office Action rejected claims 1-16 as indefinite, because the independent claims 1 and 9 recite “the latch fastener” with insufficient antecedent basis. However, two lines above “the latch fastener,” each of the independent claims recites “the latch portion

including a fastener.” Applicants submit that this is sufficient antecedent basis, and respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

4. The Office Action rejected claims 1-4 as being anticipated by Slavsky, and rejected claims 9-12 as being anticipated by Padiak. The Office Action stated that dependent claims 5-8 and 13-16 could be allowable.

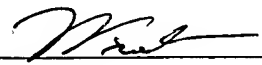
Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. Nonetheless, they amend the claims without prejudice in order to expedite allowance. Independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate limitations from claim 7, that the Office Action stated would be allowable in independent form. Claim 7 had depended from claim 1, and is now canceled. Claim 8 is amended to depend from claim 1 instead of claim 7. Claim 1 is also amended to correct some clerical errors. Independent claim 9 is amended to incorporate limitations from claim 15, that the Office Action stated would be allowable in independent form. Claim 15 had depended from claim 9, and is now canceled. Claim 16 is amended to depend from claim 9 instead of claim 15.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and request reconsideration and allowance. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the applicants request the Examiner to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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